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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALBANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to attach herewith the letter that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Alfred Serreqi, has addressed to you.

I would be grateful if the text of this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thanas SHKURTI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of Albania to the United Nations

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Annex

Letter dated 11 December 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania addressed to the President of the Security Council

As a follow-up to the letter of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Aleksandër Meksi, addressed to you on 28 October 1992, on behalf of the Government of Albania, I have the honour to address myself to you once again regarding a range of problems deriving from the tragic and dangerous developments in former Yugoslavia.

The Government of the Republic of Albania has constantly and persistently voiced its concern about the tragic war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the real present-day danger of its spread down to Kosova, the surrounding regions and over the Balkans. In all international forums and bodies, Albania has closely collaborated in finding peaceful ways acceptable to the parties involved in the conflict and in carrying out the international decisions on putting an end to the war and settling the crisis.

As you are aware, Albania has already suggested, through the letter of the Prime Minister of Albania, an advancement of the measures preventing the spread of the conflict, especially in Kosova, of which I deem it necessary to mention again the dispatch of United Nations forces, prohibition of military flights over its territory, establishment of control over heavy armaments, as well as adoption of such measures of a military character which would create, indeed, a situation of neutrality appropriate to stability in the region.

In its political and diplomatic action, the Republic of Albania proceeds from its desire for peace and stability in the region. We welcome any efforts, such as equal and unprejudiced negotiations, conducive to the settlement of the Yugoslav crisis, including the issue of the Albanians living there.

Unfortunately, the views hitherto of the Belgrade authorities, recently expressed in the letter of Prime Minister Panić (S/24807, annex), far from paving the way for flexibility and understanding to proceed with the dialogue, aim to underscore the fait accompli policy, which produces dangerous consequences. Such a policy, combined with the ethnic purge, constitutes, in our view, both a challenge and failure to implement international decisions and the Security Council resolutions. It not only obstructs international action to settle peace, but also renders the talks between the Kosova representatives and the Belgrade authorities more difficult, which, owing to failure on the part of the Belgrade representatives to carry out their promises, have yielded no results.

I would like, in this context, to mention that the recent developments in Kosova, provoked by the Serbian police and army, have caused fresh victims among the Albanians and aim at an explosion of the already perilous situation

in Kosova. The unprecedented actions in Kosova undertaken by Serbia go beyond the plane of violation of human rights, rendering the situation explosive and dangerous, which the United Nations Special Rapporteur, Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecky, most distinctly ascertained.

While expressing once again the full support of the Republic of Albania of all the resolutions of the Security Council on former Yugoslavia, as well as the active efforts by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Boutros Boutros-Ghali, I would like to draw your attention once more to Mr. Meksi's letter, while kindly requesting that it be examined by the Security Council, so that the appropriate concrete measures can be determined. I assure you that my country will not fail to continue to contribute, by every diplomatic and political means, to the prevention of the spread of the conflict, closely collaborating with the international community and, in particular, with the countries of the region.

(Signed) Alfred SERREQI